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Representation from road maistris.

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MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri D. Krishnamurthi Gounder is not in his place. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI D. KRISHNAMURTHI GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received representation from road maistris under Highways and district boards to give them all the benefits of leave, provident fund and pension now enjoyed by members of regular and permanent establishments; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) Representations have been received from Highways maistris associations for provincializing the services of the maistris and for allowing them time-scales of pay and the benefits of leave, travelling allowance, joining time and Contributory Provident Fund. No request has been made for the grant of pension.

" (*b*) The matter is under consideration."

Upper Division posts in the Revenue department.

* 356 Q.—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have received any representation from the Non-Gazetted Officers' Association to increase the number of permanent upper division posts in the several offices, mainly Taluk, Revenue Divisional and Collectorate offices; and if so, what action the Government have taken?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No such representation has been received."

SRI G. RAMA RAO :—" Sir, there are at present one or two upper division clerks' posts in an office consisting of 20 to 30 clerks. It is needless to say how heavy the work would be in taluk offices with unnecessary supervisory staff. How can we expect efficiency when there is no hope of any promotion, and they have to carry on their overburdened work with the meagre pay they get? Will the Governmnet consider this question and increase the number of upper division posts in the interest of public work and welfare? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" They will be increased as and when necessary."

Area Committees under the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act.

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MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri S. Narayanappa is not in his place. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."